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DENSITY OF TELEPHONE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Tele density per one lakh population in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation in Bihar and West Bengal since these States stand lowest in the country;

(c) whether the telephone density is likely to touch 11.5 per cent in the next five years;

(d) if so, whether this is likely to meet the basic requirement; and

(e) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to increase the telephone density?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SATYAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The details of Tele density in the country during last three years, State-wise are as per Annexure.

(b) Although the tele density in Bihar & West-Bengal are lower compared to National average, but there has been steady growth of tele density in both the state. However it may be worth mentioning that the tele density is dependent upon demand for telephone in the states and is different in different states due to following reasons

Ã˜ Economic condition of states i.e. per capita income. Ã˜ Literacy rate. Ã˜ Business & Commercial Interest.

(c) & (d): With the present growth rate of 22 % of telephones (both fixed and mobile) the teledensity is likely to reach 11.5% in the next five years and likely to meet the requirement.

(e) Does not arise in view of (c) & (d) above.

ANNEXURE

STATE- WISE TELE DENSITY (NO OF TELEPHONEs) PER ONE LAKH PERSONS

S.No.	Name of State	Mar-98	Mar-99	Mar-00	Mar-01
1	Andaman & Nicobar Island	2290	4220	6340	8442
2	Andhra Pradesh	1580	2110	2950	4056.5
3	Assam	630	820	1040	1330
4	Bihar	410	510	630	865.6
5	Gujrat	2740	3230	3960	5166.27
6	Haryana	2230	2680	3240	4046.4
7	Himachal Pradesh	2860	3440	4250	5919.6
8	Jammu & Kashmir	950	1110	1310	1723
9	Karnataka	2420	2850	3510	4676.7
10	Kerala	3410	4230	5270	7636.3
11	Madhya Pradesh	1040	1200	1370	2011.33
12	Maharashtra	4240	3738	4900	7239.24
13	North East	990	1250	1560	2078.78
14	Orissa	760	940	1108	1494.78
15	Punjab	3740	4490	5290	6771.3
16	Rajasthan	1460	1760	2070	2471
17	Tamilnadu	3510	2710	4280	5904.58
18	Uttar Pradesh	1010	820	1230	1653.58
19	West Bengal	1610	1970	2330	2660.48

20	Delhi	12070	12230	13020	17395
	Total (Average)	1840	2200	2660	3560

Note: Gujarat state includes Dadar Diu , Daman& Nagar Haveli (UT).
Kerala state includes Laskhadweep (U.T).
Maharashtra state includes Goa and Mumbai.
North-East telecom circle includes Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur Meghalay, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura state.
Punjab state includes Chandigarh (U.T).
Tamil Nadu state includes Chennai and Pondicherry (U.T.).
West Mengal state includes Calcutta and Sikkim state.
Bihar state includes Jharkhand State (Formed in March, 01).
Madhya Pradesh state includes Chhattisgarh state (Formed in March, 01).
Uttat Pradesh state includes Uttranchal state. (Formed in March, 01).